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SUBJ: BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC INCREASES IN FIRST HALF OF YEAR

1. HALF YEARS STATISTICS FOR BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC SHOW
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CHARTER TRAFFIC, SMALL BUT
ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN IGS TRAFFIC AND CONTINUED DROP
IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC. TOTAL STATISTICAL PICTURE IS, HOWEVER,
BRIGHTEST SINCE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF QUADRIpartite
AGREEMENT PRODUCED MAJOR SHIFT FROM AIR TO SURFACE
ROUTE TRAVEL.

2. BERLIN'S NEW TEGEL AIRPORT HANDLED TOTAL OF
1,973,484 PASSENGERS IN FIRST HALF OF 1976, UP 3.4 PCT
OVER FIRST HALF OF 1975. SCHEDULED CARRIERS WERE UP
1.7 PERCENT AND CHARTER CARRIERS 13.2 PERCENT. THIS
IS FIRST TOTAL INCREASE OVER HALF YEAR PERIOD SINCE
1972. FREIGHT CARRIAGE NEVER A MAJOR REVENUE EARNER IN BERLIN,
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HOWEVER, AMOUNTED TO ONLY 6,527 TONS, OFF 8.3 PERCENT

FROM JANUARY-JUNE 1975. TOTAL FLIGHTS IN FIRST HALF OF YEAR, INCIDENTALLY, WERE 26,288, DOWN 6.6 PERCENT FROM EQUIVALENT PERIOD A YEAR AGO BEFORE PAN-AM/BA ROUTE SWAP HAD TAKEN HOLD.

3. JUNE PASSENGER FIGURES WERE PARTICULARLY PROMISING WITH SCHEDULED FLIGHTS UP 4.1 PERCENT AND CHARTER FLIGHTS UP 18.8 PERCENT OVER JUNE 1975. GEORGE

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